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REMARKS

Applicants' would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case.

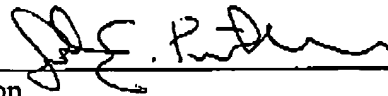
Claims 1-7 were pending in the case and new claims 8-32 have been added. Claims 2-4 were allowed by the Examiner.

The Examiner has asked the applicant to show that Claim 1 is patentable in view of Goldstein, or Sutton, or Jacobs. Claim 1 recites a hook portion that has an edge that engages an inner hole of a replaceable filter cartridge element as illustrated in the specification paragraphs [0028] and [0033] as well as FIG. 7. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the references, and dependent claims 5-7 are also patentable over the references.

Claims 5, 6, and 7 have been re-written in single dependent form as claims 5-32. Since claims 8-32 depend from allowed claims 2-4, Applicant submit that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 501-908 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,


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